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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
May 5, 2004:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Advisory
Action dated May 10, 2004.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: NONE
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1 and 2
3. Identification of art discussed: Takanashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,527,171) and
Koguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,578,824).
4. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Applicant's Representative argued that
the teachings of the above-mentioned prior arts are not combinable based on the properties of the

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materials being used. The Examiner also discussed possible amendments to obviate the Section 112, second paragraph rejections of claim 2, if any amendments were necessary.

5. Results of Interview: None.

A telephonic interview was further conducted on May 24, 2004, the undersigned proposed claim modifications for the Section 112 rejections consistent with the discussion of the May 5, 2004 personal interview. The Examiner and undersigned further discussed other modifications to place the case in condition for immediate allowance. Those modifications are set forth in the Supplemental Amendment submitted concurrently herewith.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

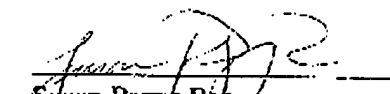
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